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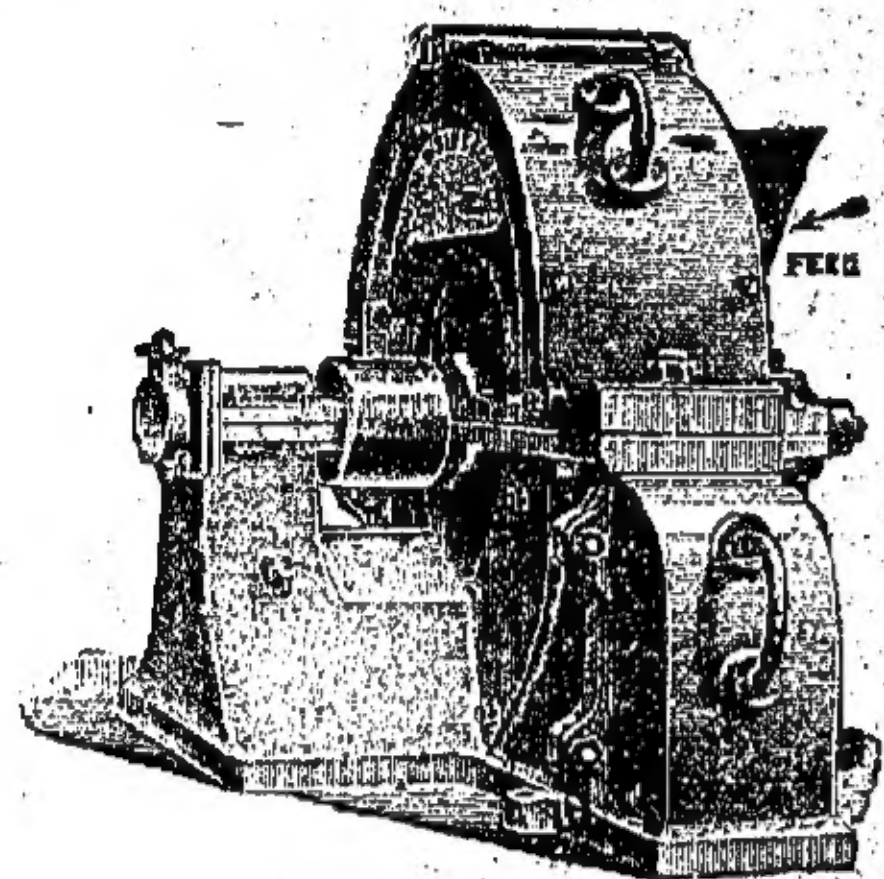
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OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Central Division of the City of Victoria, and in the Western Division of the Colony, who have not had their Premises disinfected and cleaned in accordance with law, are reminded that the period during which the work should be finished ends on the 30th day of April, 1900, and the Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plagues, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above-named date.

The Central Division of the City lies between Garden Road on the East and Morrison Street and East Street on the West. The Western Division of the Colony is all that part of the Kowloon Peninsula to the West of Robinson Road, and includes Tin Shui Wai, Yau Ma Tei, Mong Kok, Tai Koo, and Sham Shui Po.

By Order of the Sanitary Board,
C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 8, 1900. 622



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Hongkong, March 20, 1900. 632

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, at Noon, for the purpose of confirming the following Special Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on the 7th instant:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION.
That the Profits accrued to the Company from the issue of a premium of the New Shares in the Company authorized to be issued by the Special Resolution passed on the 6th, and confirmed on the 23rd day of April, 1899, amounting to the sum of \$1,200,000, and which was then carried, and is now standing to the Credit of the Reserve Fund in pursuance of such Special Resolution, be capitalized and be applied in part payment of the Call of \$50 per Share on all the Shares in the Company, to be made by the Board.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 513

NOTICE.

THE LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT of the HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB, will commence on FRIDAY, 10th April. Entries CLOSE on TUESDAY, 7th instant, at 6 p.m.

Names of Competitors can either be entered on the Lists at the Cricket Club, or can be sent in writing to the Lawn Tennis Sub-Committee at the Cricket Club, Hongkong, March 9, 1900. 531

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.

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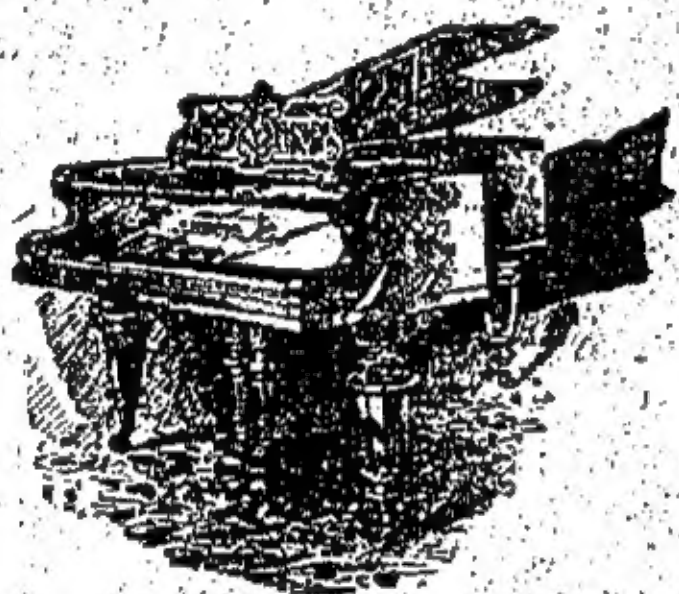
THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, 30th March, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Hongkong, March 9, 1900. 630

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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on SATURDAY, the 24th March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1899, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th Mar. to 24th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 8, 1900. 625

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on SATURDAY, the 24th March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 24th to 31st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 19, 1900. 626

TEBRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of \$1.00 per SHARE, made PAYABLE at this Office on the 20th July, 1899, on Shares Numbered:

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11061-11085 12636-13185

11336-10435 14088-16083

11886-11935

must be paid to the Undersecretary at the Office of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 6th day of April, 1900, and Notice is also given that in the event of Non-Payment of such Call at the Office of the Company aforesaid, on or before the said 6th day of April, 1900, the above-named Shares will be liable to be FORFEITED.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 21, 1900. 646

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN Issue of SHARES is now offered to the REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company in manner following:

Every Shareholder on the Register on 10th March instant, will be entitled to an allotment of 4 NEW SHARES for every 5 SHARES held by him. All applications must be made on forms for the purpose, which can be had on application to the undersigned, and must be filled up and lodged with the Secretary of the Company at its Registered Office, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, on or before SATURDAY, the 31st day of March instant, together with a sum of FIVE DOLLARS for every SHARE applied for, as a first instalment, the remaining five dollars to be paid on allotment.

The Share Register will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 15th, to FRIDAY, the 30th day of March instant, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 617

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THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Hotel on the 27th day of March, 1900, at 12.15 p.m.

1. To consider and if thought fit approve the Draft New Regulations which will be submitted to the Meeting and in the event of the approval thereof with or without modifications or alterations.

2. To consider and if thought fit to pass a resolution to the effect: "that the new regulations already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such regulations be and the same are hereby adopted as the Regulations of the Company to the exclusion of all the existing regulations thereof."

A copy of the proposed new Regulations may be seen at the Company's Office. Should the above resolution be passed by the required Majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 1st day of March, 1900.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Pavilion, on FRIDAY, 23rd March, at 5.30 p.m.

Business—Raising in the Ground.

JAMES A. LOWSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1900. 677

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club will be held in the Club House on THURSDAY, the 30th March, 1900, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of confirming or otherwise the Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 12th inst.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 15, 1900. 612

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Hongkong, February 19, 1900.

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Notes by the Way.

A rumour that plague had re-appeared in Kwongchow-wan is denied.

Dr. Monger, of Saigon, is reported to have discovered a remedy for dysentery.

Major Sir Horace Marmion left yesterday by the German mail steamer *Stuttgart* on his way to South Africa.

Dr. Talysch has been appointed to the French Legation at Peking. He was to leave Haiphong for Hongkong on the 18th inst.

The smoking concert arranged to take place at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday has been postponed until further notice.

M. Picquard, Inspector of Colonies, has returned to France after spending several months in Tonkin. This is the first time that the Inspector of the French Colonies had made such a long stay in Tonkin.

Mr. J. W. Jones will lecture before the Odd Volumes on Monday next, the 26th inst., in the City Hall, at 5.15 p.m. The subject is 'The Grip on Colonial Empire.' The Hon. W. M. Goodman will preside.

The Government of India have agreed to the enhancement of the pay of Majors of the Royal Army Medical Corps holding appointments of Principal Assistants to the Principal Medical Officers of the respective Commands, in the extent of giving them the pay and allowances they would have drawn if holding a medical charge.

A correspondent writes to *L'Ouvrier* of Haiphong complaining of the lack of communication between Haiphong and Kwongchow-wan. For four weeks no steamer left Haiphong for the new French port, with the result that a letter from France actually took longer to go from Haiphong to Kwongchow-wan than from Marseilles to Haiphong!

Offers having been called for, Messrs. Marty and Co., Briffault and Co., Dandridge, Spedding and Co., and Raikes and the Compagnie Lyonnaise, have tendered for the fortnightly mail service between Haiphong and Kwongchow-wan. It is expected that the Commission charged with the arrangement of the contract will give its decision on these offers on Saturday, the 24th inst.

Last night the Dallas Musical and Dramatic Company gave the third performance of 'The Geisha' to a large audience. To-night, the fourth and last performance of this popular comedy will be given, so that those intending to witness the production had better be in attendance. On Friday and Saturday 'A Runaway Girl' will be produced. On Monday, the company will perform 'His Excellency the Governor,' on Tuesday, 'The Sign of the Cross,' and on Wednesday, 'Charley's Aunt.'

To Holiday Seekers.

We would call the attention of those who are going on leave to the advertisement that appears under the heading 'Holidays' with regard to 'Lairg,' 46 Stanhope Gardens, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. The hotel is well situated and well recommended, and the tariff moderate. A few copies of the tariff are on hand at this office.

Crushed to Death.

At the harbour yesterday, a peculiar accident, which had a fatal result, happened to a collier. He was transferring goods from a cargo boat to one of the steamers when a launch came up. The launch bumped against the barge, and could losing his balance fell over-board, and was crushed between the barge and the steamer. When picked up, he was found to be very severely injured, and was on one removed to hospital, where he expired shortly after being admitted.

Tung Wa Hospital.

The Directors of the Tung Wa Hospital beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Fund for the extension of the Hospital, &c.:

Already acknowledged	\$ 90,455.50
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	300
Chio Tsung	108
Mr. Chan Tze-yun	70
Mr. Shing Hong	70
Seng Tai	25
San Lok-tung	20
Hong Kee Hong	20
Mr. Lam Sau-tung	20
Tak Lam-tung	15
Mr. Fan Pat-san	10
Chong Hing	10
Total	\$ 91,137.50

The Value of Volunteers.

Earl Grey, addressing Volunteers at Alnwick recently, said that in such times as these it was most desirable that every branch of our Volunteer service should be equipped up to its full strength. They may learn from the present unhappy war in South Africa two lessons—namely, the supreme importance of artillery, and the value of the volunteer in the field. The volunteer is a full and universal soldier. He is not a man being ready at his country's call to go into the field with his rifle and his horse. So effective had their conduct been that it warranted, on the conclusion of the war, a full and universal adoption of the Volunteer principle in this country, which would guarantee us against an invasion of any possible enemy.

To Correspondents.

The letter from a Japanese gentleman with regard to a local steamship company cannot be inserted.

India's Gold Reserve.

The Gold Reserve with the Government of India had risen on the 15th February to eleven and three-quarter crores, of which two and a quarter crores were in England. The silver reserve on the same date was five crores and eighty-six lakhs, and the amount of notes in circulation twenty-seven crores and sixty lakhs.

International Football.

The annual match between teams representing Scotland and The World will take place on Monday next, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. This will bring the football season to a close. We believe Scotland holds an unbroken record of wins in this annual contest, but looking at the following teams which have been sent us we incline to the opinion that victory should rest with the World's representatives this year.

Scotland—Goal, Moore; backs (Names not given); half-backs, Kelly, Stewart and Bell; forwards, Duncan, Snellie, Nolan, Bunney and Jones.

The World—Goal, F. H. Kew; backs, Thornton and Looker; half-backs, Howard, Pownall, Griffiths, R. A. forwards, Danby, Hancock, Nubla, Lowe and Frost.

'A Runaway Girl.'

Mr. Henry Dallas and his clever company are indeed giving us a theatrical feast this season. 'The Geisha' certainly eclipses anything of the kind yet seen on here, and now we are promised something to beat 'The Geisha' for popular favour! To-night we bid adieu to the dainty and tasteful Japanese opera, and to-morrow we welcome 'A Runaway Girl,' the latest success from the Gaiety Theatre, London, where it drew crowds for nearly two years. In writing of 'A Runaway Girl' before its production here, we can scarce do better than quote the opinion of some of the Calcutta critics who witnessed Mr. Dallas' production of the piece at the Theatre there during his recent season.

The *Indian Daily News* January 11, says: 'That Mr. Dallas has undoubtedly made the hit of the season with "A Runaway Girl" was the enthusiastically expressed opinion of a tremendous audience which filled the Theatre to overflowing.' The *Englishman* says: 'A wholly delightful production in every way, splendidly staged and performed, and received with rapturous applause from all parts of the crowded building.' On Saturday 'A Runaway Girl' will be repeated, and on Monday Mr. Dallas will produce for the first time in Hongkong the seamy-written comedy 'His Excellency the Governor,' which is still drawing crowded audiences at the Criterion Theatre, London, where it has created quite a sensational success. On Tuesday we are to have the grand play 'The Sign of the Cross' and on Wednesday the over-popular 'Charley's Aunt.'

Presentation to a Government Official.

On Monday evening, Mr. John Reidie, of the Sanitary Department, who is a passenger to England by the German mail steamer *Stuttgart*, was entertained to dinner by a few friends at the Harbour Office. After the usual loyal toasts and that of the guest of the evening had been honoured, Mr. Reidie was presented with a small souvenir subscribed for by those present. Mr. Reidie, who made the presentation, expressed the good wishes of the company, and said: 'Mr. Reidie, at the eleventh hour and on the eve of your departure from the Colony, a very pleasant duty devolves upon me—it is to present to you on behalf of the company present a small token of the esteem in which you are held by them. We hope that you will wear it, and when wearing it remember those who gave it. Its intrinsic value is slight, but it is a tangible expression of the goodwill and amity which the donors feel towards you, and they trust you will regard it as such. As you are aware, it was my intention to leave Hongkong on the same date, and by the same boat as yourself, but I have been obliged to postpone my leave much to my regret. Now wishing you Godspeed, I hand you this small souvenir.' Mr. Reidie acknowledged the presentation in a few well-chosen words. Mr. Hazland, who referred to Mr. Reidie's sporting capabilities especially in the yachting line, remarked that he would like to mention the excellent manner in which Mr. Reidie had performed the duties allotted to him. The devoted manner in which he had carried out his work even to the risk of his own life had excited the admiration of many others. He hoped they should have the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Reidie back to Hongkong after he had enjoyed his well-earned leave, and he would ask the company to join in drinking his very good health, 'a very long home and a good wife to bring back with him.'

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA CURED.

MY mother suffered with chronic diarrhoea for several months. She was attended by two physicians who at last pronounced her case hopeless. She procured one 20 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and five days later she was cured. I have since taken it, and it has cured me of the same complaint. I have since taken it, and it has cured me of the same complaint. I have since taken it, and it has cured me of the same complaint.

THE QUEEN MINES, LIMITED.

The first ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Queen's Mines, Limited, was held to-day at the Company's Office. There were present Messrs. A. J. Jupp, C. Evans, A. H. Mansell, W. D. Sutton, D. W. Craddock, Lau Chan Pak and Mr. H. Humphreys. Mr. Jupp presided.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual course and take the report and statement of accounts as read. The accounts speak for themselves, and I do not think require any additional explanation from me. Our year's work, I am sorry to say, has not been marked by good fortune and up to the present time, though prospecting has been going on, we have, as yet, been unable to find any payable deposits of gold. The latest report from the Mines is contained in a telegram from our Mining Manager, received a few days ago, and which reads: 'The 400 feet level have driven 265 feet. The Winze has been sunk 70 feet; there is no improvement. We are driving South Level 200 feet; the average width of lode which is three feet six inches assays 5 dwts. per ton. The face improves as we go on. It may be intended to push on in this level as soon as possible.'

It appears from this that our most promising level at present is the 200 feet south, and in a letter received this morning from Mr. Roberts speaking of this level he says: 'The men taken from the winze have been sent to work extending this level which is the only part of the mine in which we can find any formation that presents an encouraging prospect. This corresponds in a measure with that which we started in the European district, and though it is to be hoped that it will be attended with the same satisfactory result, the ground in which we are now driving has not been previously prospected, not even at the surface. This looks rather more hopeful, and you will notice that Mr. Roberts speaks of the ground on which they are now driving as not having been previously prospected, and in the last telegram we are informed that the face improves as they go on. They are evidently on gold, as we may at any time hear of more favourable developments.'

It appears, gentlemen, that the only course we can pursue is to keep steadily on and hope for the best, and I can assure you we have every confidence that our managers in Australia will do all in their power to arrive at satisfactory results. I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability the shareholders would like to put.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as read.

Mr. Mansell seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman—That gentleman, concludes the business of the meeting. I thank you for your attendance.

Reward for Distinguished Service.

The Queen has approved of the grant of a Good Service Pension of a hundred pounds a year to Surgeon-General William Taylor, C.B., the Principal Medical Officer on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief in India. This officer has been serving for upwards of thirty years in the Army, and was attached to the Headquarters of the Japanese Army during the war between Japan and China in 1894-95. Amongst other decorations he bears the Japanese Medal, awarded him, with thanks, for his valuable services to the Japanese Army.

The Soldier Hero.

A most praiseworthy zeal for nursing the sick and wounded prevailed among the ladies at the Cape—a real which now and then outruns discretion. 'Now tell me what I can do, Doctor,' said an enthusiastic amateur, looking roguishly round a hospital ward in Cape Town. 'You should have learned that before you came,' replied the Doctor, 'do anything that wants doing. The lady fixed upon a wadded pad, and said, 'Now, won't you let me wash your face?' 'All right, miss, if you can't carry up,' he said. 'I've had no face wash since twelve hours ago, provided, or it may be, I can get me some in before tea.'

The Manchurian Railway.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* writes: 'The Russo-Chinese Eastern Railway, which was commenced on August 16, 1897, will, if the work progresses as rapidly as at present, be finished as far as Port Arthur by 1901, the whole line being possibly ready for traffic in 1902. The terms agreed upon by the Russo-Chinese Bank with the Chinese Government are that the Chinese Government may purchase the line, thirty-six years after it has been opened to traffic, by paying the cost of construction, together with interest, or it may retain possession, at a price of 100 million taels, or it may be free of cost after the line has been worked for thirty years by Russia. The railway will consist of a main line beginning at the Trans-Manchurian frontier, cutting through Manchuria and running out to the Japanese territory, and a branch line to Port Arthur, beginning at the intersection of the main line by the River Singai, at Charbin. The main line has an estimated length of one thousand four hundred and forty versts, and the branch line to Port Arthur, running to Port Arthur, nine hundred and eighty versts, a total length of two thousand three hundred and twenty versts. All the material for constructing the line is made in Russia, and sent out by steamers to the Yellow Sea. The material for the branch line is shipped by rail to Vladivostok, whence it is transported by the Trans-Manchurian Railway to Charbin. The material for the South Manchurian line is shipped by sea to Port Arthur. For transport purposes, each capable of carrying twenty-five thousand yards, have been purchased. Last autumn the rails were laid along a distance of six hundred versts. Fifty locomotives and some thousands of wagons and platforms are being used for transport purposes.'

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

BOER SUPPLIES RUNNING SHORT.

KRUGER LESS CONFIDENT.

PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

GERMANY ANXIOUS ABOUT JOHANNESBURG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Colonago, March 21, 5.39 p.m.

President Kruger is now reported to have admitted that the Boer army is unable to keep the field another month. Supplies are running short, the men are disappointed and disheartened, and the Field Cornets are experiencing difficulty in keeping their commandos together.

It is believed that prospects of peace, based on the surrender of the Transvaal Government, are brighter than before, and it is supposed that Sir Alfred Milner and his staff have gone north so that negotiations may be conducted more expeditiously on the spot.

Germany is anxious to mediate with the Boer Executive with a view to prevent the use of Johannesburg as a war base during the present operations, because of the threats of the Boers to destroy the gold mines there.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

London, 20th March.

CAPE COLONY.

Sir A. Milner, accompanied by his Military and Private Secretaries, has left Cape Town in a special train. His destination is kept secret.

FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE TRANSVAAL.

France and Germany are manifesting anxiety at the recurrence of the Transvaal threats to explode the mines at Johannesburg, and it is thought it may lead to joint representations to President Kruger.

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Cavalry from Bloemfontein and Springfield has gone to try to intercept Commandant Olivier's Commando, which is retreating from Abilal North to Kroonstad.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour A. G. Wise, Presiding Judge.)

Thursday, March 22.

DEBTS AS TO A CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Li Kai contractor, 85 Hollywood Road, sued Madame Musso, of 268 Praya West, for the sum of \$1,000 for work done at her premises.

Mr. Wilkinson appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Looker for the defendant. Mr. Wilkinson said defendant desired certain repairs and alterations to be made on her house, and she instructed Messrs. Denison and Ram to obtain a tender. The tender of his client (Li Kai) was accepted. It amounted to \$1,067. His client proceeded with the work, and completed it to the satisfaction of the plaintiff. The work was completed with the exception of some painting. The defendant wished some other work to be done before the painting, but she was unable to come to terms with his client, and the painting was according to contract. In consequence thereof, Li Kai refused to accept a cent less than the amount which the architect had certified as correct. The defendant had paid into Court the sum of \$873.

Mr. Looker said the defence was that the work was not done as per contract, and workmanlike manner, and he would submit to His Honour that the fact of Messrs. Denison and Ram certifying the bill as correct was not evidence that the work was done in a proper workmanlike manner. If plaintiff was prepared to prove that, he (Mr. Looker) was prepared to disprove it.

Evidence was then led.

Judgment was given in favour of plaintiff, with costs.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ANNUAL INSPECTION BY THE GENERAL COMMANDING.

Yesterday afternoon, the annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps was made at the Queen's Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay, by H.E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., Officer Commanding the Forces. The Corps mustered at the Volunteer Headquarters at 4.15 p.m. to the number of 233, including 19 officers. The numbers on parade was a distinct advance on last year when there was a total muster of 134. Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. W. Carrington was in command. The Corps marched down to Causeway Bay, headed by the file and drum band in command of Dr. Sergeant Brown. The march was formed up on the parade ground in front of their guns for inspection. Major-General Gascoigne, on arrival, was received with a general salute. Accompanied by H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. (Hon. Colonel) of the Corps, Colonel the Hon. O'Gorman, Major Morris, R.A., Viscount Sarsfield, A.D.C., and Captain the Hon. Trefusis, A.D.C., the General made a minute inspection of the arms, uniform and equipment of the Corps. The men were then marched past the reviewing base, and afterwards formed up in a hollow square, when the Major-General addressed the men.

The General complimented the Commandant on the smart appearance of the men and on their steadiness during the march. He did not hesitate to say that the difference between this year and last year was very remarkable. It was a source of great pride to him to know that the Corps had nearly doubled its strength during his command. When he said that he was talking no credit to himself. He recognised fully that he had very little share in bringing this about. The patriotic spirit which was responsible for this increase was engendered first of all by the troubles in the East, and it was fostered by the crisis in South Africa. He was very much pleased by the patriotic offer made by the Corps to go to South Africa. Although the numbers were necessarily small, he felt it his duty to recommend that the Corps should be forwarded home. He did not mind saying to them now that personally he was very glad, the offer was not accepted. The Volunteers were now a distinct factor in the defence of Hongkong. The Garrison at Hongkong was none too large, and he rejoiced to think that the Volunteers had been so much increased in number. The inspection itself he was very much pleased with the Corps during the year. He had seen many of the Volunteers, and he knew the difficulties which sometimes were experienced. But he hoped employers of labour would not forget that the general inspection was the one inspection of the year at which there should be no absences, except on account of sickness. The inspection meant a great deal. It meant pulling the regiment together, and it was important that every man should join in the ranks on that day. The present was a great time for Volunteers. The war in South Africa had shown them the part Volunteers would play. They had seen the work done by their own Corps, and they had seen the work done by the Volunteers. They saw the Colonial Volunteers and the English Volunteers fighting side by side. Therefore this was a time when Volunteers would come to the front. There was no question about it that the Volunteers would be sent forward more prominently in the future than in the past, and employers of labour would have to choose one of two things; they would have to give facilities to their men to drill and train themselves, or those facilities would be given to the Volunteers. Touching on the name 'Field Battery,' His Excellency remarked that he thought it would be wise to adopt the name 'Mountain Battery.' It seemed to him that would be more applicable to the wants of Hongkong, and it was a matter which he proposed to lay before His Excellency the Governor. In conclusion His Excellency observed that if the excellent spirits maintained during the past year continued during the present year he should be amply satisfied. The men were then formed on the guns and marched to Headquarters, which was reached shortly after seven o'clock. Before dismissal, the Commandant expressed his gratification at the appearance of the men. He intimated that Dr. Sergeant Brown and Sergeant Northcote had won the prizes for the greatest number of attendances at drill. During the off-season, he said it was the intention to arrange for some firing exercises.

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., presided. There were present—H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G.; Hon. E. H. May, C.M.G.; Acting Colonial Secretary: Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. A. W. Brown, Inspector of Schools; Hon. H. C. Nicolle, Public Auditor; Hon. C. P. Chatter, C.M.G.; Ho Koi, J. J. Kewick, E. R. Bellis, C.M.G.; and Hon. Wei Yik, and Mr. R. F. Johnston, Acting Clerk of Councils.

PAPERS.

Mr. May submitted Financial Minutes Nos. 10, 11 and 12, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

PROTEST FROM MR. WHITEHEAD.

Mr. Whitehead said—In pursuance of notice, I beg to lay upon the table my protest in connection with the Bill to establish a Land Court, and ask that it be read and forwarded to the Secretary of State.

MEMORABLE MESSAGES.

Mr. Whitehead stated that, in pursuance of notice, he would ask the following questions at next meeting of Council: 'Will the Honourable the Registrar General inform the Council whether it is a fact that the occupants of disorderly houses, who had been moved out of houses in the Central districts and gone into houses to the West, there are again being moved, and if so whether the movements have been or are being effected by virtue of orders made by the Magistrate or by the summary powers of the Police.'

A DANGEROUS ROAD.

Mr. Whitehead asked the attention of the Honourable the Director of Public Works been directed to the dangerous condition of Yee Wo Street at the corner of Mr. Kennedy's Horse Repository at Causeway Bay and alongside the site of the proposed new Laundry to be erected there, and to the fact that the boundary stones of the latter lot projects some six inches above the level of the ground and has been placed well high in the middle of the road; and to the fact that on the south side a drain has been dug of considerable depth, without any provision, and will the Honourable member inform the Council why this state of matters is permitted to continue?

Mr. Ormsby said—The question seems to refer, not to Yee Wo Street in which no trench has been dug, or any boundary stones fixed, but to an unfinished road, now under construction, leading to Tai Hang village. The trench, two feet in depth, was opened in order that a water main might be extended, the extension being rendered necessary by the sale of land to the neighbouring landowner. The boundary stones are not in the middle of any road, but correctly mark the boundary of land sold some time ago. While a road is in an incomplete state, the persons who elect to use it, must necessarily suffer inconvenience.

THE SULLY-MANUSCRIPT MOVEMENT.

Mr. Whitehead moved—'That the Honourable the Colonial Secretary lay upon the table a copy of the Crown Lease granted last autumn to the Loo Hing Company for the dredging and collecting of shells in and around Ping Chau Island in the New Territories asked for in my question of 15th February.' He said—On the 15th of last month in this Council I asked for the production of the Crown Lease in question, and your Excellency then said that you did not see anything like the question about a copy of the lease. 'The question was for a copy of the general instructions. The Honourable member can, however, see a copy of the lease.' Applied for a copy of the lease verbally at the Clerk of Councils, and I was referred to the Land Office, where I could see a copy of the lease. I submit, Sir, that it is scarcely fair treatment for a member of this Council to be asked to go to a department of the Government when he desires that a copy of a public paper should be laid upon the table, and to be asked for the lease in question for my own information, or my own personal use. I asked for the paper for the information of the Council generally, and I submit, we have a right to see a copy of the ground lease in order that we may see whether the conditions of the lease are such as to justify the Secretary of State having carried out. A different course of procedure, in connection with the new territory, has been followed to that which had been in force from time immemorial, and I submit the Council is entitled to have a copy of the lease laid upon the table.

Mr. May—I do not think the Honourable member's recollection of what took place on the 15th February is quite correct. It is true that your Excellency said there was no objection to his seeing the lease, and I suggested to the question about a copy of the lease to the Land Office. He does not appear to have done so, and since he was informed to that effect, a suit has been instituted in the Supreme Court bearing upon that lease and it does not seem as all difficulties, now, to lay upon this table a document which is really a subject of litigation.

His Excellency said—It seems to be a case of this kind; this lease has been granted, and as the Colonial Secretary has now stated, it is a subject of litigation. I think hon. members will see, if they consider this matter, that to produce these things here would be really to invite the Legislative Council to undertake the executive work of the Colony. If there is anything improper in the lease the Council will not be right. The case is clear, the Council and the Court is the proper place to have it considered. It does not seem desirable to have this laid on the table. A copy of the lease can be seen at any time in the Land Office. It may be seen by anybody, I believe.

Mr. White

